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Examiner: K. Crockford

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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ORGANICALLY MODIFIED,
PERMANENTLY HYDROPHOBIC AEROGELS

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed an Appeal Brief in this application on May 9, 2002. In response to the Appeal Brief, the Examiner reopened prosecution and issued an Office Action on 30 July 2002. This paper is filed in response to the Office Action. A petition for a three-month extension of time is included with this paper.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks below.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the text of Example 1 beginning on page 20 with the following text. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The changes are shown in Appendix A to this paper.